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Prior Application:

Examiner	Li, Qian J.
Art Unit	1632

Sir: This is a request for filing a ☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional

application, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending application Serial No. 09/642,405 filed on August 21, 2000 of Michael P. Neeper, William L. McClements, Kathrin U. Jansen, Loren D. Schultz, Ling Chen and Xin-Min Wang (INVENTOR)

for SYNTHETIC HUMAN PAPILLOMAVIRUS GENES

(TITLE OF INVENTION)

1. The enclosed comprises a copy of prior application Serial No. 09/642,405, as filed on August 21, 2000. The entire disclosure of this prior application is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The filing fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION, LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	4	20	\$18	\$0
Independent Claims	4	3	\$86	\$86
*Multiple Dependent Claims			\$290	
Basic Fee (minimum amount required)				\$770
* Add this fee if application contains any multiple dependent claims, regardless of number.				\$856
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3. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Account No. 13-2755.

4. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
-- This is a ☐ continuation, ☐ division of application Serial No. _____, filed _____.
5. ☒ Cancel in this application original claims: 1 - 30
6. ☒ Preliminary amendment enclosed.
7. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement/PTO-1449 enclosed.
- 8a. ☐ Transfer the drawings from the prior application to this application and abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for filing in the prior application file.
- 8b. ☒ New formal drawings are enclosed.
- 9a. ☐ Priority of application Serial No. _____, filed _____, in _____ (COUNTRY) is claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- 9b. ☐ The certified copy of the priority application has been filed in prior application Serial No. _____, filed _____.
10. ☐ The prior application is assigned to _____.
11. ☒ The undersigned attorney or agent has:
- a. ☐ Power in the prior application as originally filed.
- b. ☒ Associate power, copy enclosed.

Respectfully,

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